

State of California
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Department of Transportation

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS
Adoption of Findings For Future
Consideration of Funding
11-Imp-7 1.2/6.7
Action Item

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ADOPTION OF FINDINGS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING
ROUTE 7 IN IMPERIAL COUNTY

RECOMMENDATION

The Department of Transportation recommends that the California Transportation Commission, as a responsible agency, approve the attached Resolution E-01-6.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

This resolution proposes to adopt the findings for future consideration of funding for the following project for which an Environmental Impact Report has been completed:

- Route 7 in Imperial County- Construct a 4-lane expressway between Route 98 and Interstate 8 near Calexico..

The project is programmed in the 1998 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) with construction starting in the 2001/02 fiscal year at \$53.8 million (\$47.8 million STIP funds and \$6.0 million local funds). The \$47.8 million of STIP funds consist of \$35.4 million for capital costs and \$12.4 million support costs. The current cost estimate for the project is \$48.0 million (capital and support costs).

The approved Environmental Impact Report has been transmitted to Commission staff.

The Department has approved the project for construction. This approval and the resultant filing of the Notice of Determination with the Office of Planning and Research will satisfy the environmental requirements for this stage of the project planning process.

Attachment

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

**Resolution for Adoption of Findings
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Resolution E-01-6

- 1.1 WHEREAS**, an Environmental Impact Report has been prepared for a project to construct a 4-lane expressway between Route 98 and Interstate 8 near the City of Calexico, Imperial County, and
- 1.2 WHEREAS**, the Department has certified that the Environmental Impact Report has been completed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the State CEQA Guidelines for its implementation; and
- 1.3 WHEREAS**, the California Transportation Commission has reviewed and considered the information contained in the Environmental Impact Report; and
- 1.4 WHEREAS**, written proposed Findings indicate that changes or alterations have been required in, or incorporated into the project which mitigate or avoid the significant effects identified in the Environmental Impact Report and associated noise, air quality, biological resources, visual resources; and
- 1.5 WHEREAS**, such findings also indicate that specific economic, legal, social, technological, or other considerations make it infeasible to avoid or fully mitigate to a level less than significant the effects associated with agricultural land; and
- 1.6 WHEREAS**, the above significant effects are acceptable when balanced against the facts as set forth in the Statement of Overriding Considerations.
- 2.1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the California Transportation Commission does hereby adopt those Findings and Statement Overriding Considerations, and the Mitigation Monitoring Program contained in the Environmental Impact Report and approve the project for future consideration of funding.